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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Luiz B. Da Silva

Docket No. : BL-4 NPROV

Serial No. : 10/803,574

Art Unit: 3737

Filed : March 17, 2004

Examiner: S. Shaw

For : Optical Biopsy System With Single Use Needle Probe

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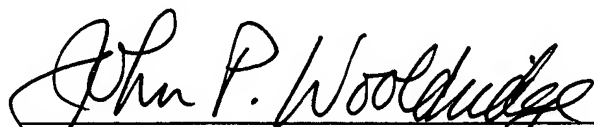
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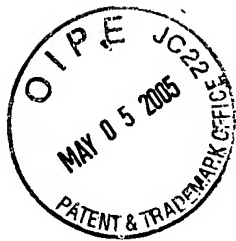
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FEE AUTHORIZATION FOR AMENDMENTS WITH ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

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Dear Sir:

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified case in response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004.
- The filing fee for this amendment is calculated below:

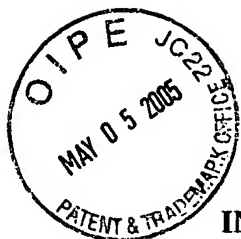
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TOTAL 24	MINUS 20	= 4	\$25	\$100	\$18	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS						
TOTAL 1	MINUS 3	= 0	\$39	\$0	\$78	\$0
TOTAL FEES			\$100			

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2004, please amend the
above-referenced application as follows:

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